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*Contents.*—**PART 1:** Introduction; **1)** Profile of the multifaceted prince of the herbs. **PART 2:** Botany; **2)** Structural features of *Origanum* sp. **PART 3:** Taxonomy and chemistry; **3)** The taxonomy and chemistry of *Origanum*; **4)** The Turkish *Origanum* species; **5)** The chemistry of the genus *Lippia* (Verbenaceae). **PART 4:** Cultivation and breeding **6)** Cultivation of Oregano; **7)** Breeding of Oregano. **PART 5:** Pharmacology; **8)** The biological/pharmacological activity of the *Origanum* genus. **PART 6:** Uses of Oregano in the food industry; **9)** Processing, effects and use of Oregano and marjoram in foodstuffs and in food preparation. **PART 7:** Biotechnology; **10)** The biotechnology of Oregano (*Origanum* sp. and *Lippia* sp.). **PART 8:** Miscellaneous; **11)** Bibliometric analysis of agricultural and biomedical bibliographic databases with regard to medicinal plants genera *Origanum* and *Lippia* in the period 1981–1998; and Index.